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SUBJECT: CAROLINE KENNEDY AND TV INTERVIEW WITH NIMEIRI

1. SUDANESE MEDIA REPORTED FEB. 6 THAT CAROLINE KENNEDY, DAUGHTER OF LATE PRESIDENT, HAD CALLED ON PRESIDENT NIMEIRI IN COURSE OF AFRICAN TOUR. AT SAME TIME, SUDAN NEWS AGENCY (SUNA) CARRIED BRIEF REPORT THAT "NBC-TV TEAM" HAD TAPE INTERVIEW WITH NIMEIRI FOR BROADCASTING ON NBC STATIONS IN US. BOTH EVENTS WERE NEWS TO US, AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM MISS KENNEDY, WHO APPARENTLY HAS DEPARTED SUDAN.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SUNA WAS GIVEN STORY ABOUT NBC FROM DR. BAHÀ AL-DÌN MUHAMMED IDRIS, MINISTER FOR SPECIAL AFFAIRS AT PRESIDENCY AND NIMEIRI'S MAN FRIDAY. FURTHER, THAT MISS KENNEDY ACCOMPANIED BY A TV TEAM (UNNAMED) AND THAT VISIT AND INTERVIEW ARRANGED BY SAUDI BUSINESSMAN ADNAN KHASHOGGI (TRIAD AND CLOSE TO DR. BAHÀ AND NIMEIRI). NORMAL GOS INFORMATION CHANNELS APPARENTLY BYPASSED.

3. EMBASSY WOULD OF COURSE BE INTERESTED IN CONTENT ANY US BROADCAST OF NIMEIRI INTERVIEW OR OTHER NEWS OF MISS KENNEDY'S VISIT TO SUDAN.

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